

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐ no ☒

Property Name: Renn Tenant House Inventory Number: F-3-241
Address: 620 Gas House Pike City: Frederick Zip Code: 21701
County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Frederick
Owner: Robert E. Renn, Sr. Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 1348A Tax Map Number: 414 Tax Account ID Number: 099640
Project: Monocacy Boulevard Central Section Agency: Army Corps of Engineers
Site visit by MHT Staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☒ yes ☐ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: F-3-243
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☒ yes District Name: Gas House Pike Rural Historic District
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☒ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context Yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☐ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Property Description

The Renn tenant house is located on the south side of Gas House Pike in the City of Frederick. The .70-acre property is comprised of a ca. 1940 dwelling, a mid-twentieth century garage, and a late twentieth century shed. The property is defined by a mowed lawn, a mature tree, and trimmed shrubs around the dwelling. Access to the property was limited to the public right-of-way.

Building Descriptions

Dwelling

The ca. 1940 wood-frame dwelling faces north. The one and a-half story dwelling is clad in vinyl siding, rests on a concrete-block foundation, and terminates in a side-gable roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. An exterior, gable-end

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| Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/> | Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| Comments: <u>undistinguished example of a common property type</u> | |
| Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services <u>[Signature]</u> | Date <u>3/20/09</u> |
| Reviewer, NR Program <u>[Signature]</u> | Date <u>3/26/09</u> |

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brick chimney is located on the west elevation. A full-width porch and shed dormer define the north (front) elevation. All windows are three-over-one light, double-hung, wood-sash units.

The three-bay north elevation has seven openings. Two windows with shutters flank the entrance on the first floor and four windows are located in the shed dormer. The entrance has a glass storm door. A full-width porch is supported by three wooden posts. Four windows are on the east elevation and include three windows on the first floor and one on the second floor. A louvered vent is found in the gable. The basement has two openings with metal wells.

The west elevation has six openings. Two sets of double windows flank the chimney on the first floor. The double windows on the southern end of the elevation are smaller than those on the northern end. One window is located on the second floor and a louvered vent is in the gable. The basement has two openings with metal wells. There is no access to the south elevation.

Garage

A mid-twentieth century concrete-block garage is located southwest (rear) of the dwelling. The building terminates in a front-gable roof sheathed in corrugated metal. The garage occupies a square footprint and faces north. An overhead garage door is located on the north (front) elevation. One two-over-two light, double-hung, wood-sash window is found in each the east and west elevations. There is no access to the south elevation.

Shed

A late-twentieth century, prefabricated-metal shed is located west of the garage. The shed terminates in a front-gable roof sheathed in standing-seam metal. Double-leaf doors on the north elevation provide access to the building's interior. The east and west elevations are blind. There is no access to the south elevation.

Property History

In 1974 Robert E. Renn, Sr., Robert E. Renn, Jr., John W. Renn, Roberta M. Derry, James H. Renn, Thomas M. Renn, and Beattie I Renn conveyed the .70-acre parcel to Robert E. Renn Sr. (Frederick County Land Records Liber 953/Folio 480). Robert E. Renn, Sr., et al. had acquired the property, which was part of a larger 26-acre tract, from John Renn, Jr. and his wife Ida in December 1973 (Frederick County Land Records Liber 928/Folio 744). The 26-acre tract was part of much larger parcels; deed research was unable to determine from which parcel the .70 acre was taken.

Census data is unavailable for the years of Renn ownership. However, a review of city directories indicated the Renns did not live on Rural Route 1 (Gas House Pike). A search of the genealogy vertical files available at the Historical Society of Frederick County did not yield data on the Renn family.

Thematic Context: Early- to Mid-Twentieth Century Domestic Architecture

By the turn of the century, newer styles for domestic architecture evolved that focused on simplicity of building materials and ornamentation. Many of these new styles owed their beginnings to the Arts and Crafts Movement popular in England during the late nineteenth century. The style eliminated Classical detailing and the use of machine-made materials. The Arts and Crafts Movement influenced the Prairie Style, the Craftsman Style, and the Bungalow Style (Foster 2004:339).

During the early 1900s, the Greene brothers, Charles Sumner Greene and Henry Mather Greene, designed several bungalows near Pasadena, California. Their designs focused on large porches with overhanging roof eaves. Architectural and home decorating magazines popularized the style through articles, photographs, and plans

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(McAlester 1990:454). The ease with which people could simplify and adapt Greene and Greene's designs made the bungalow a popular choice for domestic architecture. Bungalows were less expensive than the Victorian-era dwellings due to the use of prefabricated materials. The style remained popular through the 1940s.

Bungalows were typically one-and-a-half story dwellings with low-pitched, gable roofs. Character-defining features include eave overhangs, and a full-width porch supported by square columns or massive piers that extended to ground level; porches may have solid balustrades. Gable or shed dormers are common as well as windows and doors with geometric detailing (McAlester 1990:440,453).

Evaluation

The Renn tenant property was evaluated by applying the National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.4 [a-d]). The ca. 1940 dwelling is representative of the Bungalow style, popular during the first decades of the twentieth century. Features of the style included dwellings that were one and a-half stories in height, with overhanging eaves, and a full-width porch. The dwelling retains character-defining features of the bungalow style, including the shed dormer, full-width porch, and original windows. The Renn tenant house possesses integrity of location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, and association to merit consideration for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places as bungalow style dwelling constructed ca. 1940.

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Photo Log

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Renn Tenant House

Frederick County, Maryland

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Photos taken on: 22 May 2008

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Verbatim Ultralife Gold Archival Grade CD-R, PhthaloCyanine Dye

F-3-241_2008-05-22_01 - Setting with dwelling, looking south

F-3-241_2008-05-22_02 - Dwelling, north elevation

F-3-241_2008-05-22_03 - Dwelling and Garage, looking southeast

F-3-241_2008-05-22_04 - Dwelling, looking southwest

F-3-241_2008-05-22_05 - Garage and shed, north elevation

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Historian

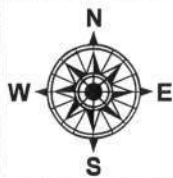
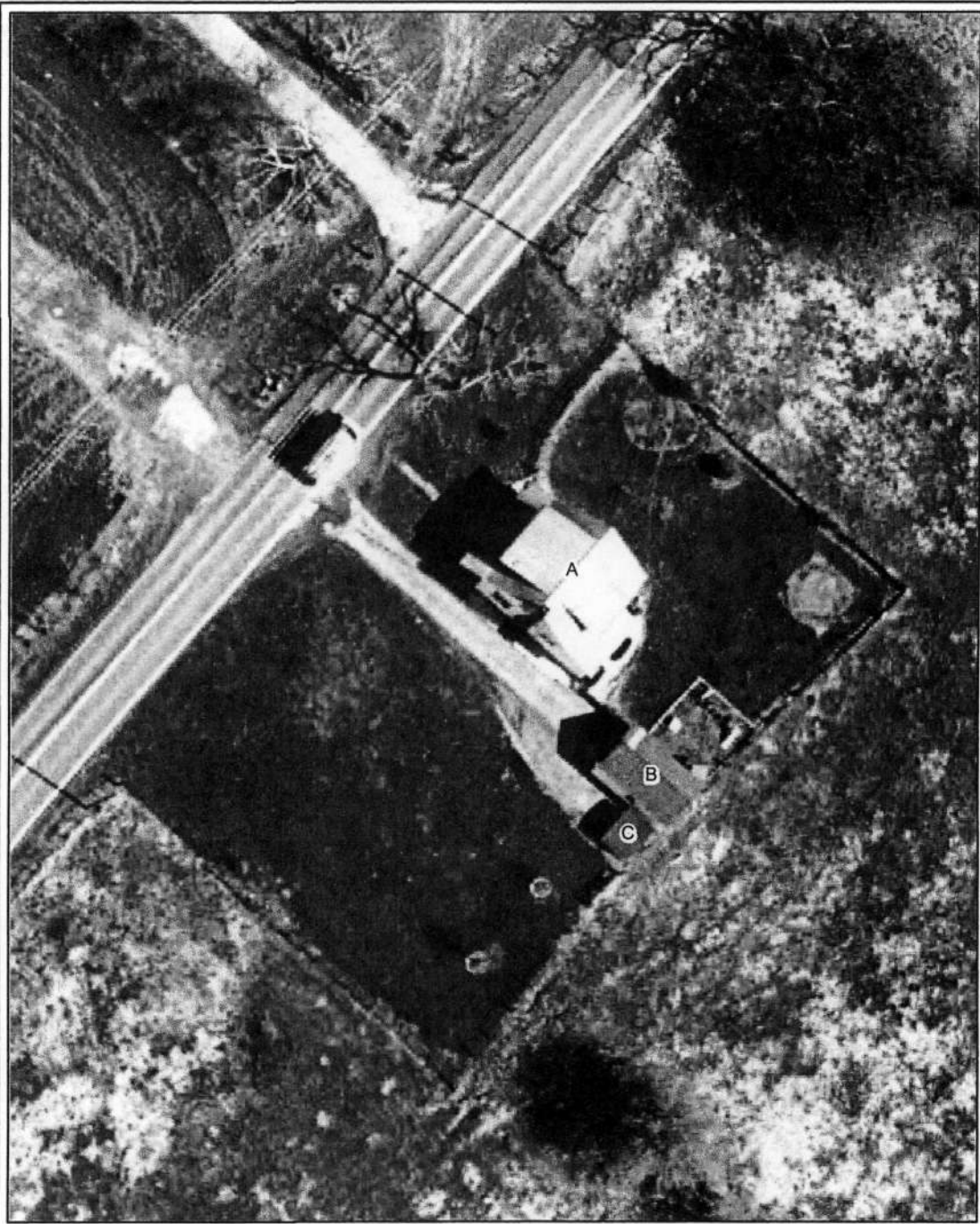
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Date Prepared: July 2008



- A - Dwelling
- B - Garage
- C - Storage Shed



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Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland
Resource Sketch Map**

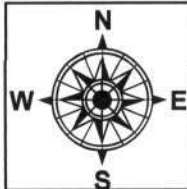
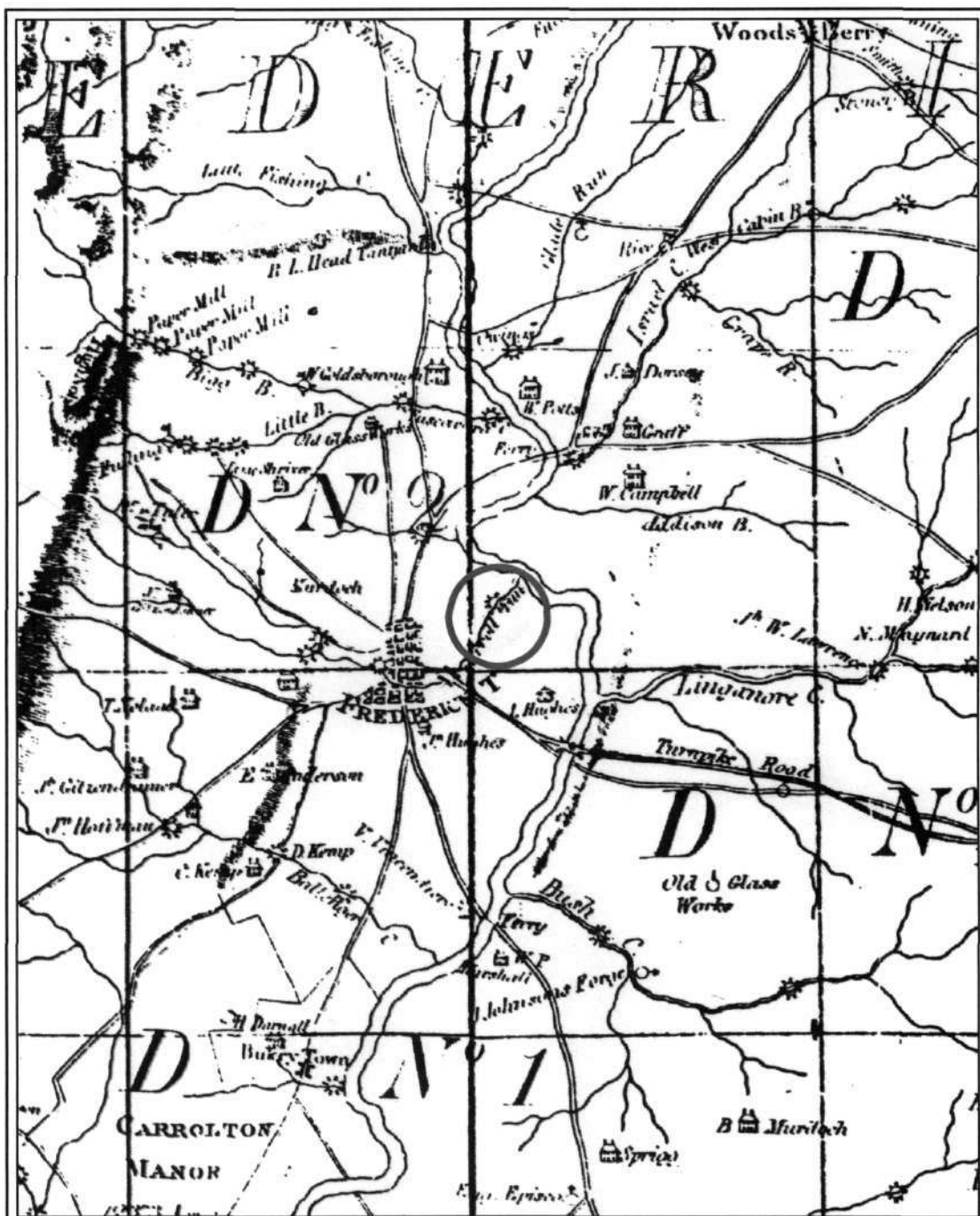
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 Project Area

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Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland
Varle's 1808 Map of Frederick County, MD

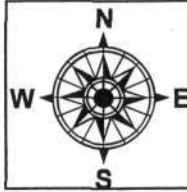
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Frederick, Frederick County, Maryland
1858 Bond Map of Frederick County, MD

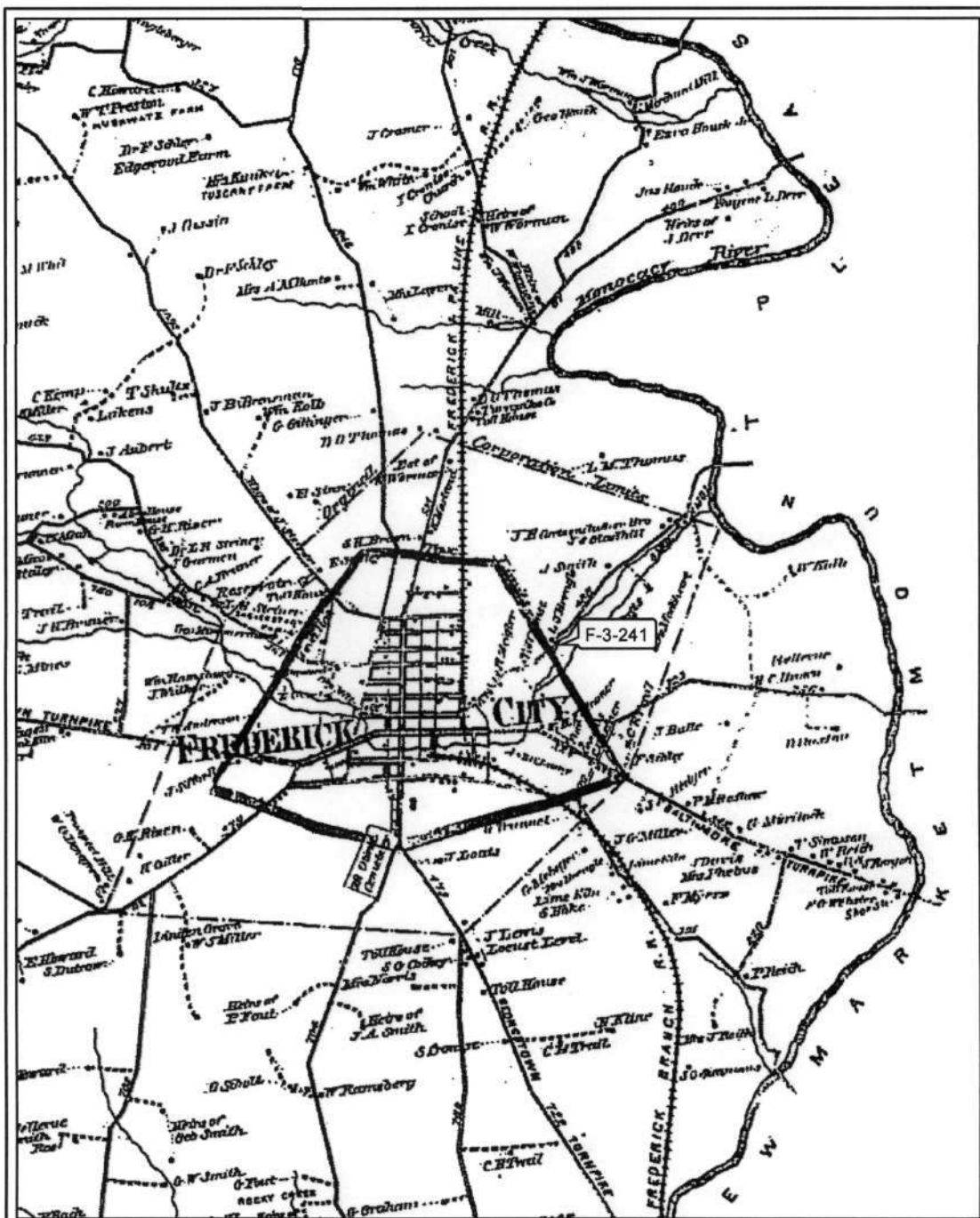
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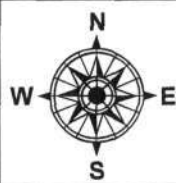
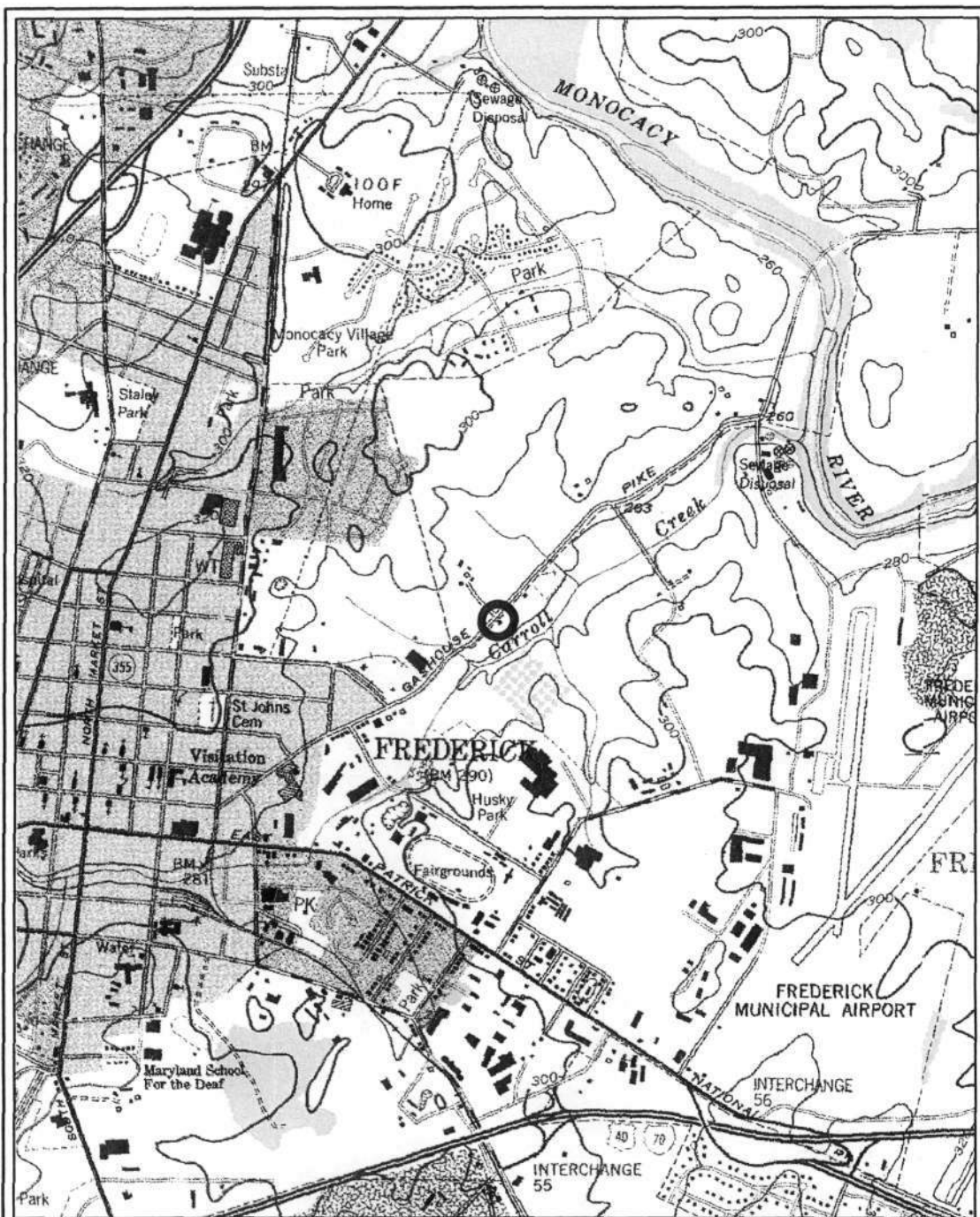
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U.S.G.S. Quadrangle, Frederick, MD

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Setting with dwelling, looking south
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Dwelling, north elevation

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Dwelling and Garage, looking Southeast

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Dwelling, looking southwest

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Garage and shed, north elevation

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